

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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## (a) PLAINTIFFS

Maria Ortiz

## DEFENDANTS

Equifax Information Services, Inc., and Unifund, Inc.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Cook  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  
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Attorneys (If Known)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State ☐ 1 ☐ 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State ☐ 4 ☐ 4  
Citizen of Another State ☐ 2 ☐ 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State ☐ 5 ☐ 5  
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country ☐ 3 ☐ 3 Foreign Nation ☐ 6 ☐ 6

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

TORTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Student Loans (excl. vet.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending
<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Injury
<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage
<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Inj.	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability
<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability		
<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise		
REAL PROPERTY		
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence
<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General Habeas Corpus
<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty
<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other
<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 ADA - Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 ADA - Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition
	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	
CIVIL RIGHTS		
PRISONER PETITIONS		

FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment
<input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881		<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws		<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck		<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs.		<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health		<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit
<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other		<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
LABOR	PROPERTY RIGHTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act		<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation		<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Impl. Ret. Inc. Security Act		<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
SOCIAL SECURITY	SOCIAL SECURITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
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FEDERAL TAX SUITS	FEDERAL TAX SUITS	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Satellite TV

## V. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Enter U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause.)

15 USC 1681 Fair Credit Reporting Act.  
15 USC 1692 Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

## VII. PREVIOUS BANKRUPTCY MATTERS (For nature of suit 422 and 423, enter the case number and judge for any associated bankruptcy matter previously adjudicated by a judge of this Court. Use a separate attachment if necessary.)

VIII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: ☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

IX. This case ☒ is not a refiling of a previously dismissed action.  
☐ is a refiling of case number \_\_\_\_\_, previously dismissed by Judge \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11/30/07 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: [Signature]